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Attn: Mr. Joseph F. Edell

RE: Non-Provisional Patent
Appl. #10/758,918
Filing Date 01/14/2004***
RESPONSE TO OFFICE
COMM. - DATED 3/24/2005

Dear Mr. Edell:

This is in response to your office communication dated March 24, 2005. Enclosed is the revised patent application reflecting the changes you requested.

In response to your rejection of Claims 1-10, I have created a separate Claims Listing and made the corrections you have indicated by putting the deletions in parenthesis and striking them out with a double line as directed and using the proper identifier in a parenthetical expression (Currently amended) next to each claim. If you require further corrections, please advise. It is my hope that this amendment to claims now complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c).

I have also enclosed a copy of the Oath/declaration which was inadvertently omitted from the last response and which identifies this application by application number and filing date and identifies the citizenship of the inventor.

****Also enclosed is copy of Provisional Patent Application
Application Number 60/450,202 - Filing Date: 2/25/2003
Name of Applicant: Barbara J. Bury
Title of Invention: Rocking chair slipper

Please be reminded that in regard to your previous rejection (dated 1/12/2005) of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,817,666 to Blount and as per our phone discussion on February 17, 2005, wherein I pointed out that I had applied for a provisional patent on February 25, 2003, I believe this objection does not apply as said provisional patent predates the Blount Patent which was applied for on May 9, 2003.

I hope that all of your objections and requests have been fully satisfied.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Notice of Non-responsive Amendment

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Response to Amendment

The amendment to the claims filed on 28 February 2005 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because the amendment to the claim text does not indicate the status of each claim, does not include text with markings, and does not commence on a separate sheet of the amendment document. Amendments to the claims filed on or after July 30, 2003 must comply with 37 CFR 1.121(c) which states:

(c) *Claims.* Amendments to a claim must be made by rewriting the entire claim with all changes (e.g., additions and deletions) as indicated in this subsection, except when the claim is being canceled. Each amendment document that includes a change to an existing claim, cancellation of an existing claim or addition of a new claim, must include a complete listing of all claims ever presented, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims, in the application. The claim listing, including the text of the claims, in the amendment document will serve to replace all prior versions of the claims, in the application. In the claim listing, the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following identifiers in a parenthetical expression: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Withdrawn), (Previously presented), (New), and (Not entered).

(1) *Claim listing.* All of the claims presented in a claim listing shall be presented in ascending numerical order. Consecutive claims having the same status of "canceled" or "not entered" may be aggregated into one statement (e.g., Claims 1–5 (canceled)). The claim listing shall commence on a separate sheet of the amendment document and the sheet(s) that contain the text of any part of the claims shall not contain any other part of the amendment.

(2) *When claim text with markings is required.* All claims being currently amended in an amendment paper shall be presented in the claim listing, indicate a status of "currently amended," and be submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version of the claims. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. Only claims having the status of "currently amended," or "withdrawn" if also being amended, shall include markings. If a withdrawn claim is currently amended, its status in the claim listing may be identified as "withdrawn—currently amended."

(3) *When claim text in clean version is required.* The text of all pending claims not being currently amended shall be presented in the claim listing in clean

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version, *i.e.*, without any markings in the presentation of text. The presentation of a clean version of any claim having the status of "original," "withdrawn" or "previously presented" will constitute an assertion that it has not been changed relative to the immediate prior version, except to omit markings that may have been present in the immediate prior version of the claims of the status of "withdrawn" or "previously presented." Any claim added by amendment must be indicated with the status of "new" and presented in clean version, *i.e.*, without any underlining.

(4) *When claim text shall not be presented; canceling a claim.*

(i) No claim text shall be presented for any claim in the claim listing with the status of "canceled" or "not entered."

(ii) Cancellation of a claim shall be effected by an instruction to cancel a particular claim number. Identifying the status of a claim in the claim listing as "canceled" will constitute an instruction to cancel the claim.

(5) *Reinstatement of previously canceled claim.* A claim which was previously canceled may be reinstated only by adding the claim as a "new" claim with a new claim number.

The substitute specification filed 28 February 2005 has not been entered because it does not conform to 37 CFR 1.125(b) and (c) because:

- a. a statement as to a lack of new matter under 37 CFR 1.125(b) is missing;
- b. a marked-up copy of the substitute specification has not been supplied.

Oath/Declaration

The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because:

It does not identify the citizenship of each inventor.

Since the reply filed on 28 February 2005 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH** or **THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date

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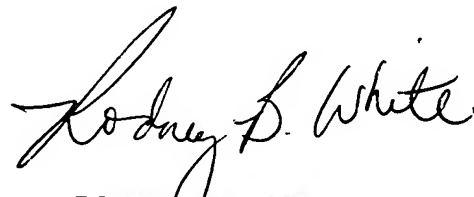
of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

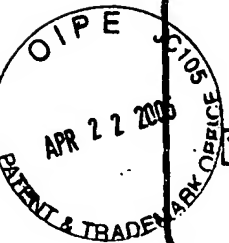
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph F. Edell whose telephone number is (703) 605-1216. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:30am-5:00pm.

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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)

as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number

and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)

(if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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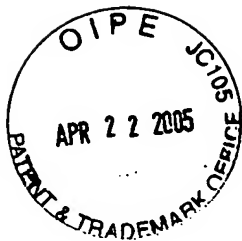
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APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT

Title: ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

Inventor: Barbara J. Bury



ROCKING CHAIR SLIPPER

Field of the Invention:

The present invention relates to floor protectors and, more particularly, to a floor protector that is specifically designed for a rocking chair....

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

There has always been a need to protect hard floors from the damage caused by chairs and other types of furniture as they move back and forth and across the floor and the imprint the furniture may cause due to the weight of the furniture and/or the person sitting on the furniture.

Existing floor protectors commonly found in the market place include chair glides made of plastic and/or steel that nail or screw on, felt or padded strips that glue on and chair leg booties that slip on, however they do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair

rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~) to protect the floor, the rocker foot, and to prevent noise and add decoration.

Felt strips are sometimes used on rocker feet to protect the floor. They do not conform to and specifically fit a rocking chair rocker foot and must be glued on and once they are removed they can not be reused and put back on. They are not decorative and do not provide as much protection or noise prevention as the present invention.

They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~) to protect the floor. They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~) to protect the rocker foot from damage. They do not specifically fit or conform to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~) to quiet the noise the rocker makes as it rocks back and forth on the floor. They are not decorative. They can not

be removed for cleaning and put back on.

It is therefore an object of the current invention to fit and conform exactly to the shape of the rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) .

It is another object of the current invention to protect the floor.

It is another object of the invention to protect the rocking chair rocker foot from damage.

It is another object of the invention to have the ability to be removed for cleaning and put back on.

It is another object of the invention to create a decorative accent.

It is another object of the invention to prevent the rocker feet from making noise as the rocker feet hit the

floor during the rocking back and forth motion...

It is another object of the invention to be installed without the use of glue or nails.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

In accordance with the present invention, there is provided a floor protector that is both functional and decorative. A fabric "slipper" that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~). The "slipper" stretches to slip on and off. There is foam or padding inside the bottom of the slipper for cushioning to prevent damage and noise. There are two ties placed at strategic points to be tied in a bow to secure the "slipper" to the rocker foot. There is a stationary bow and lace trim for decorative purposes.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

A complete understanding of the present invention may be obtained by reference to the accompanying drawings, when considered in conjunction with the subsequent, detailed description, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a top view of Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector

FIGURE 2 is a side view of Rocking Chair Slipper Floor Protector

FIGURE 3 is a cross sectional view of Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector showing where the padded insert is located

FIGURE 4 is a bottom view of Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector;
and

FIGURE 5 is a perspective view of Rocking Chair Slipper floor protector when placed on the rocking chair

For purposes of clarity and brevity, like elements and components will bear the same designations and numbering throughout the FIGURES.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Figure 1 is a top view of the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side view of the present invention.

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view of the present invention showing where the padded insert is located.

Figure 4 is a bottom view of the present invention.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the present invention. Each rocking chair slipper is slipped on to each rocker foot of the rocking chair and secured with the two ties at strategic points as shown.

Thus, in summary, it can be seen that what is provided in this invention is a floor protector specifically designed to fit a rocking chair foot that is functional and decorative.

The shape of the slipper and the ability of the stretch fabric 5 to stretch, along with the elastic strips 1 around the opening of the slipper, enables the slipper to fit over and conform to the shape of the rocking chair foot.

The fabric ties 3 are strategically placed in two locations on both sides of the opening of the slipper to secure the slipper to the rocking chair.

The padding 6 inserted in the bottom of the slipper

provides protection for the floor, the rocker foot and provides a cushion to quiet noise that the rocker feet make when they rock back and forth and hit the floor.

The lace or other decorative trim 2 around the opening of the slipper and the stationary bow 4 at the front of the slipper make it decorative.

The slipper is easily removed for cleaning and can be put back on and reused many times.

The slipper can be fashioned in any color or stretch fabric 5 and decorated with any type of trim.

Since other modifications and changes varied to fit particular operating requirements and environments will be apparent to those skilled in the art, the invention is not considered limited to the example chosen for purposes of disclosure, and covers all changes and modifications which do not constitute departures from the true spirit and scope of this invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is desired to be protected by Letters Patent is presented in the subsequently appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor. comprising:

means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot.;

means for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place., rigidly connected to said means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot.;

means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a

standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner); and

means for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot., rigidly connected to said means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner).

2. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot. comprises a Two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length. elastic strips.

3. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1,

wherein said means for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place. comprises a Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties.

4. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner) comprises a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" x 12" folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper. stretch fabric.

5. The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim 1, wherein said means for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper

to cushion the floor and rocker foot. comprises a Foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" long. padding.

6. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor. comprising:

a Two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length. elastic strips, for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot.;

a Two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place., rigidly connected to said elastic strips;

a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" x 12" folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper. stretch fabric, for fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm or runner); and

a Foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" long. padding, for foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot., rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

7. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

an Any decorative gathered trim such as lace. lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative purposes., rigidly connected to said fabric ties, and rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

8. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper. bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.

9. The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 7, further comprising:

a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper. bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.

10. A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker) of a rocking chair to protect the floor. comprising:

a Two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in length. elastic strips, for an elastic strip that

is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker foot.;

an Any decorative gathered trim such as lace, lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative purposes.;

a Two eight-inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening) to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place., rigidly connected to said Lace or other decorative trim, and rigidly connected to said elastic strips;

a Ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the slipper. bow, for this bow is for decorative purposes only.;

a Stretch fabric (4-way) 36" x 12" folded in

half and sewn in such a manner to form a slipper.
stretch fabric, for fabric must stretch all ways to
expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a
standard rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to
as rocker arm or runner), rigidly connected to said
Lace or other decorative trim; and

a Foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide
by 30" long. padding, for foam or other padding
inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of
the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker foot.,
rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A floor protector that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). A floor protector that is both functional and decorative. A fabric "slipper" that fits and conforms exactly to the shape of a rocking chair rocker foot (also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker). The "slipper" stretches to slip on and off. There is foam or padding inserted inside on the bottom for cushioning to prevent damage and noise. There are two ties placed at strategic points to be tied in a bow to secure the "slipper" to the rocker foot. There is a stationary bow and lace trim for decorative purposes.

FIGURE 1

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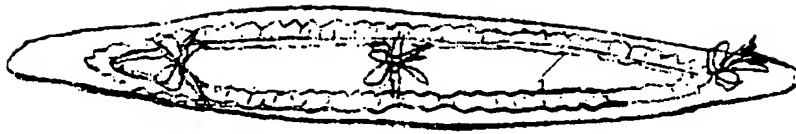


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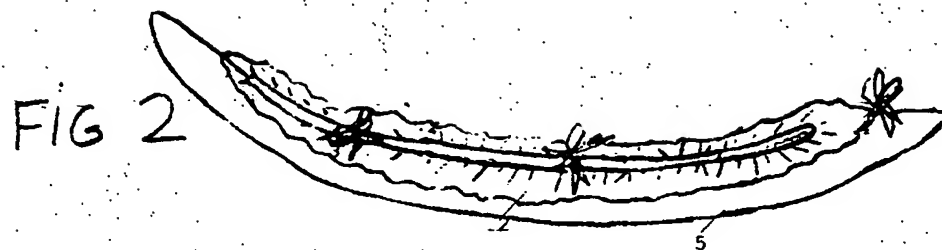


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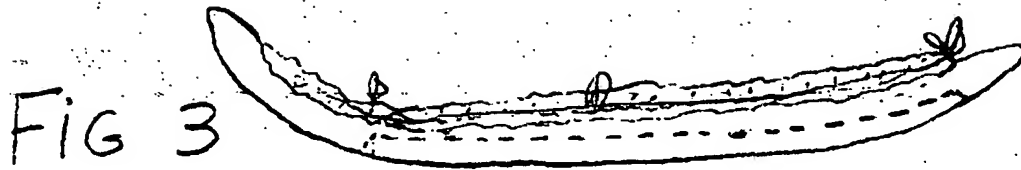


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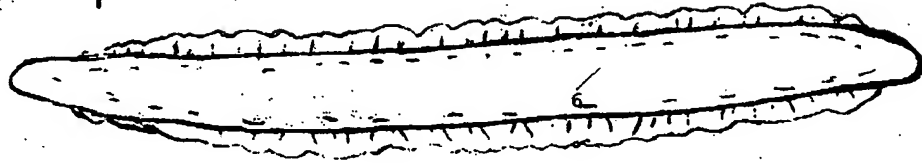


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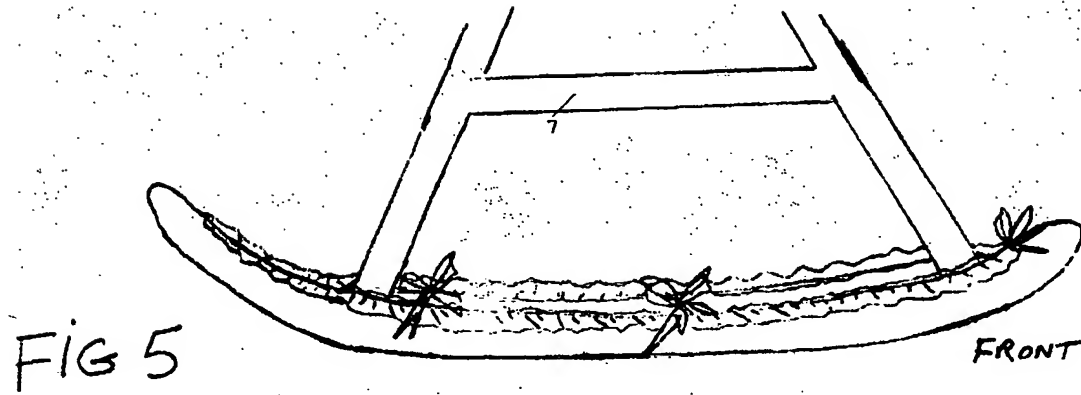


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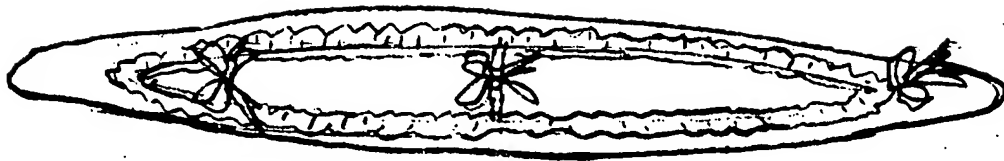


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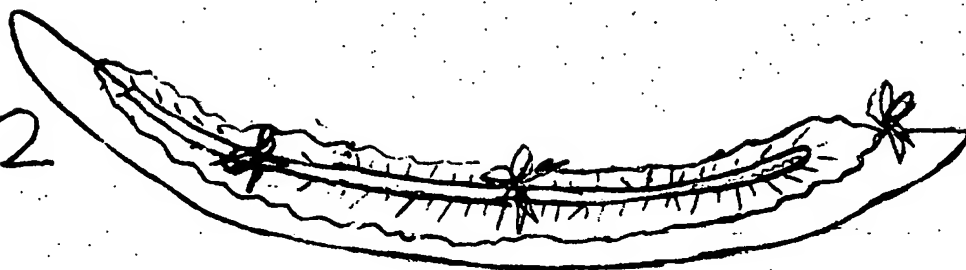


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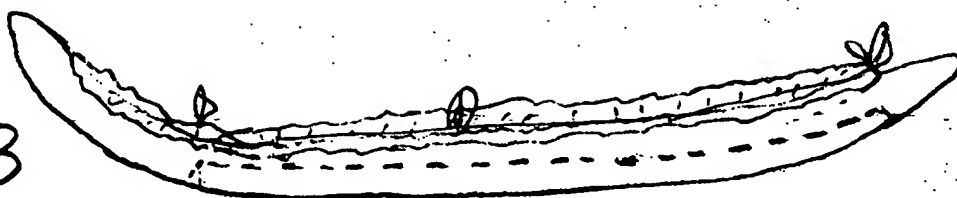


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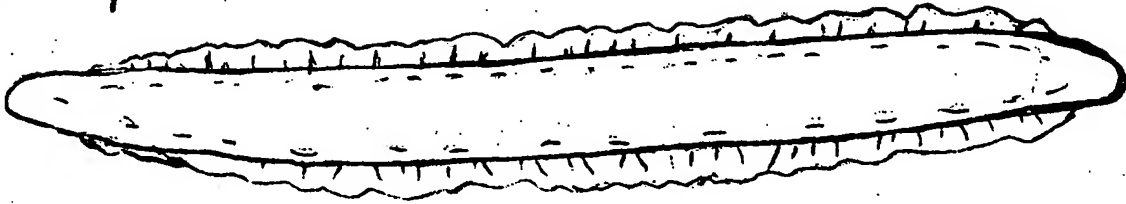


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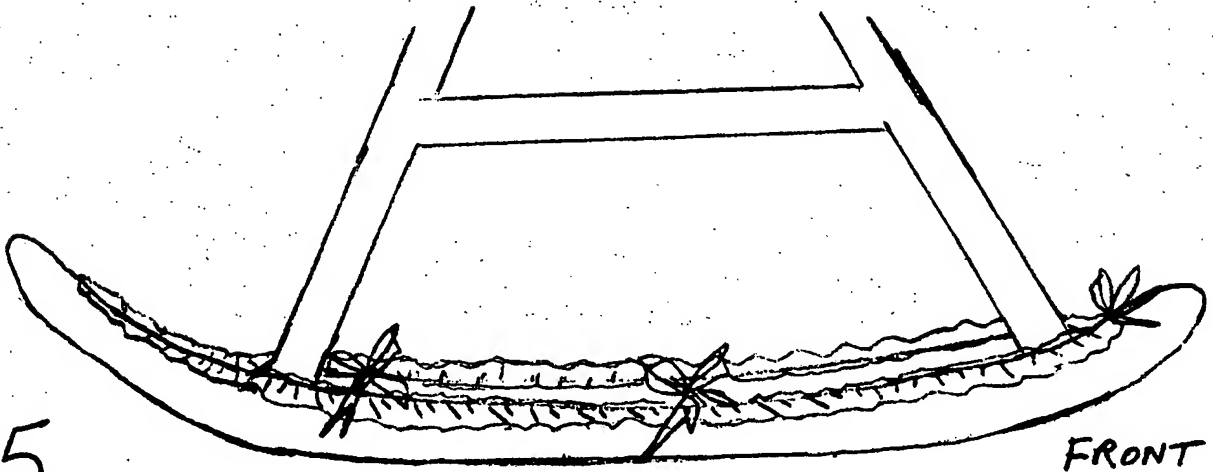


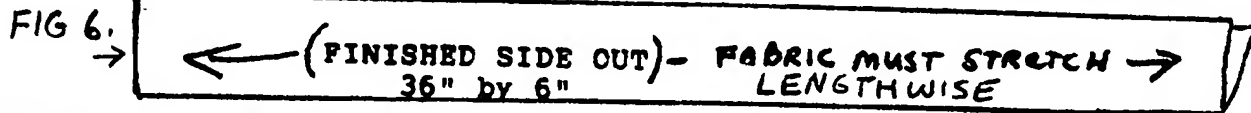
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FLOOR PROTECTOR

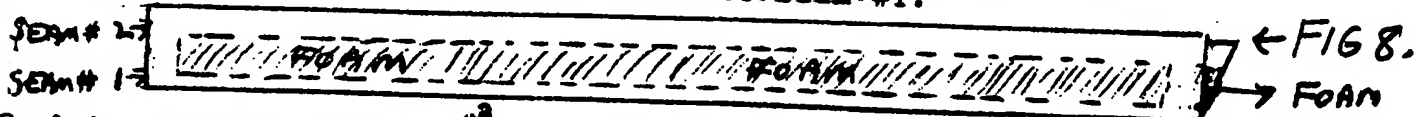
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Step 2. Sew a straight seam across bottom of folded edge two inches up from fold.

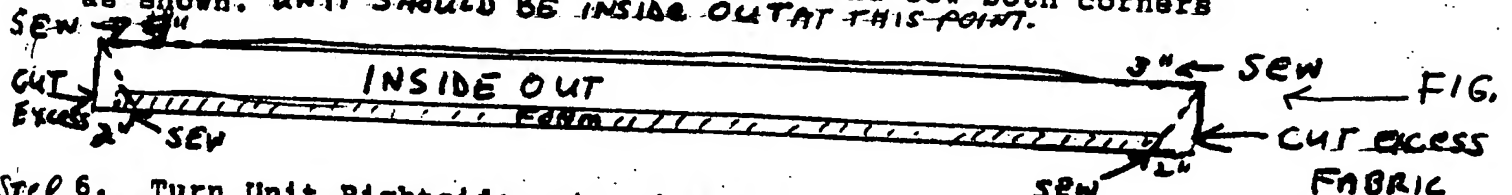


Step 3. Cut foam (1/2" thick x 2" wide x 30" long) and place it flat between folded fabric close to seam #1.

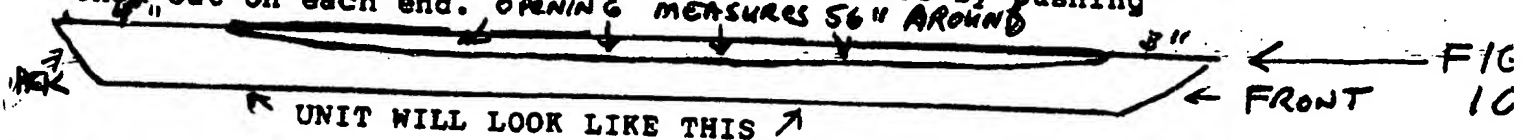


Step 4. Sew another seam about two inches above seam #1 to enclose foam.

Step 5. Fold Unit in half again lengthwise and sew both corners as shown. UNIT SHOULD BE INSIDE OUT AT THIS POINT.



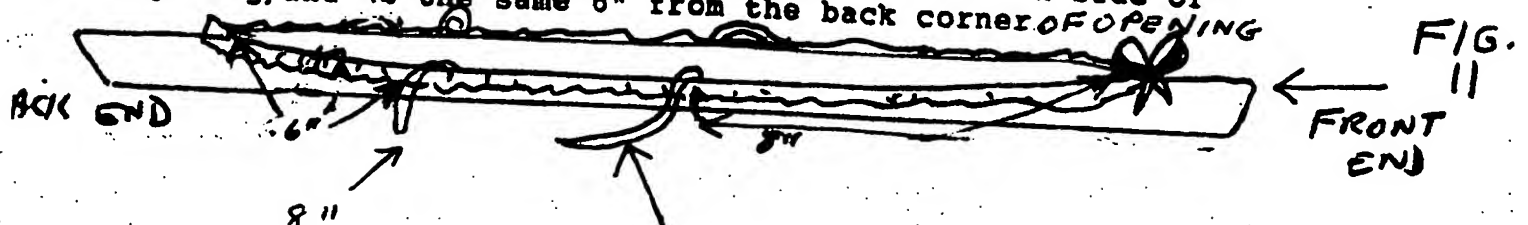
Step 6. Turn Unit Rightside out and shape corners by pushing them out on each end. OPENING MEASURES 56" AROUND



Step 7. Cut two pieces of elastic 1/2" wide by 20" long. Sew onto opening one side at a time on finished side of unit. Stretch elastic as you sew. Opening should ~~measure~~ STRETCH TO AT LEAST 30" INCHES WHEN STRETCHED.

Step 8. Attach a 1 1/2" wide by 56" piece of white lace all around opening, again stretching the elastic as you sew.

Step 9. Tie a three inch bow and attach on top of lace onto front corner of unit. Attach two 8" lengths of ribbon (8" from the front corner) of the unit, one on each side of the opening, and do the same 6" from the back corner OF OPENING



CLAIM LISTING

What is claimed is:

1. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker~~) of a rocking chair to protect the (~~floor comprising~~) floor, comprising;

(~~means for~~) an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker feet and then conform back to the shape of the rocker (~~feet~~;) foot;

(~~means for~~) fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two (~~strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening)~~) strategic points, one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in place, rigidly connected to said (~~means for an~~) elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker (~~foot~~;) foot;

~~(means for)~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm or runner)~~; and ~~(means for)~~ foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker ~~(foot,)~~ foot rigidly connected to ~~(said means for)~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm or runner)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim

1, wherein said

~~(means for)~~ an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker ~~(foot, comprises a Two pieces)~~ foot, further comprising two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in ~~(length,)~~ length elastic strips.

3. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim

1, wherein said

~~(means for)~~ fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two ~~(strategic points (one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening))~~ strategic points, one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of opening to be tied into a bow around the rocker foot to keep the slipper in ~~(place, comprises a Two eight)~~ place further comprising two, eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties.

4. (Currently Amended) The recking chair slipper in accordance with claim

1, wherein said

~~(means for)~~ fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm or runner)~~ comprises ~~(a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" x 12") a~~ four way stretch fabric 36" in length and 12" wide that is folded in half and ~~sewn in such a manner to form a (slipper stretch)~~ slipper of stretch fabric.

5. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper in accordance with claim

1, wherein said

~~(means for)~~ foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker ~~(foot comprises a Foam)~~ foot further comprising a foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" ~~(long padding.)~~ long padding.

6. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker foot of a rocking chair ~~(also referred to as a rocker arm, runner, rocker)~~ to protect the ~~(floor.)~~ floor, comprising:

~~(a Two)~~ two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in ~~(length.)~~ length elastic strips, for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge of the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker ~~(foot.)~~ foot;

~~(a Two)~~ two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric ties, for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the opening of the slipper on both sides at two ~~(strategic points (one at 8~~

~~inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of~~
~~opening~~) strategic points, one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6
inches from the back corner of opening to be tied into a bow around the
rocker foot to keep the slipper in ~~(place.)~~ place, rigidly connected to said
elastic strips;

~~(a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" x 12")~~ a four way stretch fabric 36"
inches in length and 12" wide that is folded in half and sewn in
such a manner to form a ~~(slipper stretch fabric, for)~~ slipper of stretch
wherein the fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the
shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot ~~(also referred to as~~
~~rocker arm or runner)~~; and

a ~~(Foam)~~ foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" ~~(long~~
~~padding, for)~~ long padding of foam or other padding inserted between two
layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker
~~(foot)~~ foot, rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

7. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6,
further comprising:

~~(an Any)~~ a decorative gathered trim such as ~~(lace lace)~~ lace or other decorative trim, for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the opening of the slipper for decorative ~~(purposes.)~~ purposes, rigidly connected to said fabric ties; and rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.

8. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 6, further comprising:

~~(a Ribbon)~~ ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the ~~(slipper bow, for this)~~ slipper bow wherein the bow is for decorative purposes only.

9. (Currently Amended) The rocking chair slipper as recited in claim 7 further comprising:

(a Ribbon) ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the ~~(slipper bow, for this)~~ slipper bow wherein the bow is for decorative purposes only.

10. (Currently Amended) A rocking chair slipper for placing over the rocker

foot ~~(also referred to as rocker arm, runner, rocker)~~ of a rocking chair to protect the floor, comprising:

~~(a Two)~~ two pieces of 1/2" wide elastic measuring 20" in ~~(length.)~~
length elastic strips; for an elastic strip that is attached all around the edge
of
the opening of the slipper to enable the slipper to stretch enough to fit
over the rocker foot and then conform back to the shape of the rocker
~~(foot)~~ foot;

~~(an Any)~~ a decorative gathered trim such as lace. lace or other
decorative trim; for a gathered lace or other trim attached to the
opening of the slipper for decorative ~~(purposes.)~~ purposes;

~~(a Two)~~ two eight inch lengths of ribbon or similar material fabric
ties,
for fabric or ribbon strips eight inches in length attached to the
opening of the slipper on both sides at two ~~(strategic points (one at 8~~
~~inches from the front corner and one 6 inches from the back corner of~~
~~opening)~~ strategic points, one at 8 inches from the front corner and one 6
inches from the back corner of opening to be tied into a bow around the
rocker foot to keep the
slipper in ~~(place.)~~ place, rigidly connected to said ~~(lace)~~ lace or other
decorative trim, and rigidly connected to said elastic strips;

a(~~Ribbon~~) ribbon or similar fabric tied into a bow and sewn on to the front of the (~~slipper bow, for this~~) slipper bow wherein the bow is for decorative purposes (~~only~~) only;

(~~a Stretch fabric (4 way) 36" x 12"~~) a four way stretch fabric 36" in length and 12" wide that is folded in half and sewn in such a manner to form a (~~slipper stretch fabric, for~~) slipper of stretch wherein the fabric must stretch all ways to expand to fit and conform to the shape and length of a standard rocking chair rocker foot (~~also referred to as rocker arm or runner~~); rigidly connected to said Lace or other decorative trim; and

a (~~Foam~~) foam or other padding 1/2" thick by 2" wide by 30" (~~long padding, for~~) long padding of foam or other padding inserted between two layers of fabric on the bottom of the slipper to cushion the floor and rocker (~~foot~~) foot, rigidly connected to said stretch fabric.



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